

Outrigger Club Signs New Lease

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necessitated by the Queen's hospital's need for more funds, had placed the canoe club in a serious dilemma.

He said that 12 alternate proposals had been worked out by the Bishop Trust company in an analysis, all of which were predicated upon the club's retaining the entire property, and leasing a portion to a business enterprise. After much deliberation the board of directors came to the conclusion that the 12 alternate solutions were highly speculative. Directors voted to maintain the organization as a strictly social club.

"The basic fact is that the Outrigger club is functioning in diametrically opposed directions," Macfarlane said. "We have a meager membership of 250 trying to maintain itself on the most expensive property in the Territory. Over 25 years, it would mean that the Outrigger would have to pay \$300,000 in rent, and under none of the proposals did it appear that such could be done to our advantage.

"We then asked the Hawaiian Hotels, Ltd., to work with us on another solution, and the one we have presented appeared to be far more sound than any of the others.

"I am convinced that we can make a go of it. All we need is the full kokua of all the members."

Dad Center, one of the founders of the club spoke up. "I remember," he said, "when we used to pay \$50 a year for this property.

"Our rent was raised to \$50 a month, and we all thought it was the end of the club. But we pulled through. I have every confidence in your president and the plan worked out by the directors. It's time to rebuild. There's a lot of work for all of us. But I'm sure it will all be worked out to your satisfaction."

Some members objected to relinquishing the privilege of renting the pavilion for dance purposes, maintaining that the loss of the monthly rent would cripple the club financially. Others pointed out that the pavilion was termite-eaten and already condemned by the municipal building superintendent and could not be regarded as a steady source of income for much longer.

A younger block of oppositionists said that they felt the Outrigger, as it now exists, did not possess sufficient attractions to maintain itself.

Macfarlane replied that plans for reorganization had already been considered, involving membership increase and building of a new clubhouse suited to modern needs.

The club membership responded shortly thereafter with an unanimous vote in favor of subleasing from Hawaiian Hotels.